

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others; and,

Whereas, Janice Smith has given over 31 years of dedicated federal service to the USDA Rural Development office, formerly known as the Farmers Home Administration, most recently acting as a rural development technician. She began her federal service career with the Soil Conservation Service and Lower James Resource, Conservation and Development; and,

Whereas, Jan's overall knowledge of the office functions assisted in keeping the Mitchell office running smoothly over the years and is respected among her co-workers because of her dedication to her job; and,

Whereas, Jan and her husband, Richard, have been blessed with four wonderful children, numerous grandchildren, and one great-grandchild which they will enjoy even more during retirement; and,

Whereas, Jan will retire on December 29, 2004, allowing her more time for designing floral arrangements, bowling and spending time with family; and,

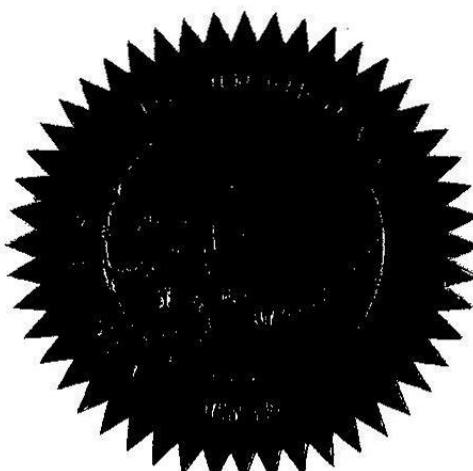
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the momentous occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 29, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her colleagues, friends and family as they recognize Jan for her commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:




Chris Nelson, Secretary of State